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Cebu.

Bills of health issued—	
To foreign ports	0
To domestic ports	301
Number of vessels inspected—	
From foreign ports	8
From domestic ports	167
Number of passengers inspected—	
Cabin	108
Steerage	1,154
Total number of crew inspected	3,465

Respectfully, J. C. PERRY,
Passed Assistant Surgeon, U. S. M. H. S.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.

Plague in Manila September 9 to 15.

MANILA, P. I., *September 20, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to report that during the week ended September 15, 1900, there occurred only 1 case of plague in Manila, the victim being a Chinese. Total number of deaths from all causes during the same time, 256.

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PORTO RICO.

Report on the high mortality on the island.

PONCE, P. R., *October 12, 1900.*

SIR: I have the honor to make the following report upon the causes of the abnormally high death rate in the municipality of Ponce, P. R., during the past year.

In getting data for this report, I have been assisted in all possible ways by the authorities and the physicians of Ponce, and in the Hospital Tricoche and the Hospital Civil, I have had access to all cases through the kindness of the doctors in charge. The accompanying table was taken from the reports made to the municipal judge. The reports are so inaccurate in diagnosis that complete definite mortality statistics can not be compiled from them, but the table is sufficient for my purposes.

The municipality of Ponce includes the city proper, the playa, and the outlying districts, called "barrios," extending several hours ride from the city. Its total population as shown in the United States census is 33,477, of whom about half live in and close around the city and suburbs. About 40 per cent of the deaths occur in the outside districts, and these cases are seldom seen by a physician. The remaining 60 per cent do not properly represent the city's proportion, as large, numbers, which it is impossible to estimate, come in on their last legs and die in the city. They come not only from this municipality, but from every nook and corner of the island. Ponce has the unfortunate name of being charitable on account of her several hospitals and charity organizations. It was the first on the island to do private sys-